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Sounds good – let us give it a shot here and see where we get. But, as Bob said, we need a ‘super strategy’ right now.

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Hi Tina,

Rather than a fact sheet, Richard and I are thinking it might be best to do it more as an FAQ sheet, referencing the questions raised during the meeting with Holly and Nancy. To that end, here are what we think are the key questions asked. Please keep these high level and in plain English to the extent possible, so non-scientists can understand.

- 1) Who uses IRIS? Ie. Who are the clients, e.g. OLEM, OAR, OW, OCSPP and others?
- 2) what specific info does IRIS provide that the client specifically wants? Does an IRIS assessment provide the same values for each assessment? Why is this information valuable?
- 3) what are all current IRIS assessments that NCEA is working on? Are they being done using the 2011 recommendations?
- 4) how and who decides on which IRIS assessments NCEA conducts?
- 5) in the past, what has been the typical time period for an IRIS assessment?

- 6) what are alternatives to IRIS – if yes, what would the timeline look like?
- 7) will the new portfolio approach reduce that time period (set an expectation for a timely assessment)
- 8) what are the consequences of eliminating IRIS? Pros/cons
- 9) when will transition to new IRIS happen e.g, after formaldehyde assessment is out the door?
- 10) does the formaldehyde assessment follow the recommendations from the 2011 report? If not, why not? Is so, will subsequent assessments follow that same approach?
- 11) regarding the portfolio approach, how will these assessments better tailor to meet the needs of decision makers – please use an example, e.g. will provide X values within X months?
- 12) is the IRIS handbook ready for public release?

Thanks!

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